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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH PRESIDENT MARCOS 9/12/74; MUSLIM PROBLEM

1. DURING LONG CONVERSATION SEPTEMBER 12, PRESIDENT MARCOS TOLD ME HE WAS "QUITE OPTIMISTIC" ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR A NEGOTIATED POLITICAL SETTLEMENT OF MUSLIM PROBLEM IN SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES. HE BASED HIS OPTIMISM ON ASSESSMENT THAT MALAYSIANS ARE CURRENTLY SERIOUS ABOUT SPONSORING SUCH SETTLEMENT.

2. HE SAID AL-TOHAMY VISIT, WHICH WAS ABRASIVE TO ALL CONCERNED, NEVERTHELESS SERVED USEFUL PURPOSE OF STIMULATING BOTH MALAYSIANS AND INDONESIANS TO GREATER ACTION. HE ALSO THOUGHT RAZAK'S IMPRESSIVE ELECTION VICTORY GAVE HIM NEW CONFIDENCE IN DEALING WITH TUN MUSTAPHA. HE HAD BEEN "INDIRECTLY INFORMED THROUGH MALAYSIAN INTELLIGENCE CHANNELS" THAT MUSTAPHA'S DEFENSE PORTFOLIO WAS PRIMARILY DESIGNED TO BRING HIM AND SABAH UNDER TIGHTER CONTROL.

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3. MARCOS SAID HE EXPECTED FULL REPORT BY WEEKEND FROM INDONESIANS CONCERNING SUHARTO-RAZAK MEETING. HE THOUGHT THIS WOULD GIVE GREEN LIGHT FOR INDONESIANS TO TRY TO PULL TOGETHER A MUSLIM REBEL "NEGOTIATING TEAM". HE WOULD ACCEPT WHATEVER THEY COME UP WITH. IF THEY ALL AGREE ON NUR MISUARI AS THEIR SPOKESMAN, HE WILL DEAL WITH MISUARI, OR ANY OTHER COMBINATION TO INCLUDE MISUARI.

4. HE ALSO SAID PHILS HAD INTELLIGENCE THAT SEVERAL MUSLIM REBEL LEADERS WERE CURRENTLY "DRIFTING SOUTH" APPARENTLY FOR MEETING IN SABAH. THIS SUGGESTED THEY WERE SERIOUSLY CONFERRING ON NEGOTIATING TERMS.

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